

From the Interim Pastor:

With the observance of Memorial Day, the summer season is officially here. This year, Pentecost comes right along with it. We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on June 9 as we hear again the story of how the Holy Spirit molded a group of fearful, but praying, disciples into a small band of fervent believers who changed the world. The Holy Spirit continues to desire to do that same work in us, if we are open and willing.

We have been observing 40 Days of Prayer here at St. Andrew in preparation for Pentecost. We have all been invited to pray specifically for the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee as that group of faithful, praying people continues to discern who God is calling to be the next pastor. Moses prayed about who to select as elders to help him serve God's people; Jesus prayed before he called the twelve disciples; Paul prayed about where to go to share the Good News and about whom he should take with him. What we see in the early church described in the Book of Acts is a praying and prayerful community where miracles happened.

Our *Brief Statement of Faith* describes just what this part of the Trinity, the very breath of God, does:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In asking the Spirit to blow here and in our own lives, what is the one specific prayer that you have for St. Andrew? Where is the one area in your life, or the life of someone you love, in which you would like to see the Holy Spirit move? **You are invited to bring that prayer request, or requests, to church on June 2 and write it down on a strip of paper. The strips will be put together to form a chain that will hang in the sanctuary and be a visual reminder of what we are lifting up in prayer.**

Keep on praying!
Pastor Rosemary

NOTE: An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at
www.standrewdecatur.org.

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019

Chairperson

Clerk of Session.....	Philip Gilbert
Worship	Nellie Gates
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Education & Spiritual Formation.....	John Jordan
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Ceil Hydrick
Administration, Finance & Property.....	Turner Matthews/Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Nominating.....	Dan Watt
Comptroller	Tommy Gates



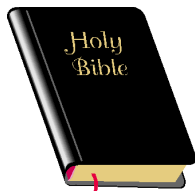
Bill Heim June 1
 Jamie Heim June 5
 Nelda Gilbert June 7
 Linda Grissom June 15
 Linda Livingston June 19
 Jeff Gilbreath June 20

Rita Abbott June 20
 Sandy Baldwin June 26



Ed & Barb Wyle June 8
 Harold & Teresa Culbert June 20

New Adult Bible Studies for Adult Sunday School Classes



Seekers:

Living in Covenant in Christ Jesus

This summer, our lessons focus on how Jesus fulfilled the Law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the gospel; and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message.

Hoppers: "Teacher's Choice"—We will again have members of the class teach on a passage of their choice from the Bible.

Hargrave: Epic of Eden: Ruth by Dr. Sandra Richter

Two families facing real life and the choices they make are on the schedule for the Hargrave Class this summer. Ruth was an outsider, a day-laborer in an unknown country and culture. She made a choice to accompany Naomi to her land. So how did God have a hand in helping these two women?

Furthermore, God used this unlikely situation to produce Israel's greatest king. Join us as we explore with Dr. Richter this family story and God's love for Israel and use of a Moabite woman and her mother-



Pentecost is Coming! Get ready!

You are invited to wear red, orange, or yellow clothing on June 9 to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit. You are also invited to bring a pen and prayer requests on June 2 that can be formed into a prayer chain. Finally, you are invited to bring your openness and spontaneity as we welcome the Holy Spirit in a very special way.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY (Shawls & Lap Blankets for Hospice) 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm

The Caring Hands ministry will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the church library during June, July and August. You don't have to know how to sew or knit to be a part of this ministry. The lap blankets are made of fleece and you just have to know how to cut and tie!

ALL ARE WELCOME—no skills needed—we will teach you. Donations for yarn, fleece material, needles, labels, etc. are appreciated. An envelope is available in the church office.

We'd love to have you each time, but if you can't, join us when you can!



NEW IN THE LIBRARY!

Pray Big by Will Davis, Jr. This is a totally new approach to prayer. Davis encourages us to pray about anything that concerns us. This book was donated by Betty Brandon.

Prayer and Grace by Steve Burcham. Witnessing Steve's courageous fight for life first-hand has been an inspiration to many. His unwavering faith and optimism sparks a desire for all to have a deeper and more personal relationship with God. Steve is a member of Asbury Church in Madison.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SAY "THANK YOU"!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian women want to thank you for your wonderful support this meeting year. Because of your generous support of our bake sales and our Birthday Offering, we have been able to meet and even exceed our projected budget and feel blessed to be able to share \$100 gifts to the following groups:

- Mission Haven (a project of Columbia Seminary which provides temporary housing and clothing to missionaries on furlough)
- Presbyterian Home for Children
- Interchurch Medical Assistance
- Living Waters for the World Project
- Morgan County Meals on Wheels
- Hope Place/Crisis Services of N. Alabama, and
- the PCUSA Women's Thank Offering, which supports health-related care for women and children around the world.

The Birthday Offering, which is funding four grants this year, received \$407. At our meetings, we collect our pennies, nickels, and dimes; and this year we will be sending \$40.87 to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, an international, interdenominational charity which was begun many years ago by a Presbyterian woman. We are also donating \$75 to the Presbyterian Towers for their summer cookouts, ice cream socials, and watermelon "cuttings." Last Christmas we provided "Santa gifts" for our Special Friend, a little girl from Decatur who lives in foster care. THANK YOU!

Our next meeting year will begin in September and will be on the first Tuesday of each month through May. We will be doing a study on "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" written by Eugenia Anne Gamble, who lived and served as a pastor for many years in Birmingham, AL. She is an author, speaker, preacher, and retreat leader. Eugenia says, "I joined my first PW Circle while I was in seminary, and I would not have been able to negotiate life without my (Circle) sisters." We hope you will join us.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER NEEDS

The NCC is in desperate need of the following

- ♦ Women's clothing—all sizes and socks
- ♦ Paper plates and paper towels
- ♦ Travel size shampoo, hair conditioner, and bars of soap

Learn more about their ministry by reading their newsletter on the bulletin board or by visiting their web site at WWW.DECATURNCC.ORG.



Tues, June 4	10:00a VBS Planning Meeting
Sun, June 9	Pentecost Sunday & Offering
Mon, June 10	10:00a Computer Class
Thurs, June 13	1:00p Caring Hands Ministry
Sat, June 15-22	Choir is at Montreat
Wed, June 26	6:00p Potluck Supper
	6:30p Bible Study and Classes
	7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thurs, June 27	1:00p Caring Hands Ministry



Our Summer Wednesday schedule has begun. We will have dinner and meet on the fourth Wednesday of June, July, and August.

FOR NO *PROPHECY* WAS EVER PRODUCED BY THE WILL OF MAN, BUT MEN SPOKE FROM *GOD* AS THEY WERE CARRIED ALONG BY THE *HOLY SPIRIT*. 2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)

Session Highlights of May 8, 2019

- ◆ St. Andrew membership at 75 with dismissal of Matt and Ann D'Olive from the church roll
- ◆ Approved motion to send Payday Lending Reform Letter to state legislature if still relevant in current state legislature session (Letter was promoted in last NAP meeting.)
- ◆ The mortgage is still projected to be paid off about October 2019; current balance after May payment is approximately \$21,650.
- ◆ Evaluation of physical security of church grounds by Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Ed Wyle, Bob Naumann, and W.C. Sweeley continues following presentation of Decatur Police walk-through report.
- ◆ Announced VBS to be held July 13, 2019 and that May 22, 2019 would be the last regular Wed. night scheduled activity of the school year
- ◆ Knox box installed and verified with Decatur Fire Dept. for gaining entry to the church building in response to a fire alarm being generated when the building is unoccupied
- ◆ Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Harold Culbert, and Philip Gilbert to compile proposed Church By-Laws and Manual of Operations for presentation to Session
- ◆ Update on PNC received

Next stated meeting will be held Wednesday, July 17, at 2:00 PM.

Philip Gilbert, Clerk of Session.



C.A.T.S. ON THE ROAD AGAIN FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 9:00 AM

The C.A.T.S. group will visit the U.S. Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Museum in Huntsville Friday, June 21.

The museum exhibits memorabilia, artifacts, and military equipment ranging from the American Revolution War to present day. Included in the collection are many rare and important artifacts, including the oldest surviving jeep: the Ford Pygmy. This museum is a true hidden treasure. Come and explore some of our history up-close.

We will meet at the church to car pool, leaving at 9:00 AM. The tour at the museum is about 2.5 hours.

Cost at the museum is a donation of \$4 - \$5, plus lunch at Rosie's Cantina.

Sign-up in the office by Sunday, June 16.



VBS Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to help decorate and set-up the classrooms before VBS, assist teachers, drama characters, recreation, snack time, lunch time, and clean after VBS.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you can help one hour or all day! If you have questions, call or see Faye Anderson.



CALLING ALL KIDS!
VBS is coming

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, JULY 13
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
AGES 4 – 12 YRS.



In case you missed worship on May 26, here is a poem by Linda Grissom that captures a special (and hopefully one-time only!) event:

In a sweet, pretty church on the side of a hill, a tiny church mouse was so quiet and still.
He liked the great preaching, the music, and more, and he happily scampered across the wide floor.
A fellow named Harold did spot him first. He saw the church mouse run across in a burst!
From piano to pulpit and then back again - to the corner and up to the choir he ran!
Then Harold expected the choir to run. He thought, "This will liven things up and be fun!"
But the little church mouse changed his course, and he ran right under the pulpit where the preacher did stand.
She was praying for soldiers, our country so free, when in her sweet prayer she let out a small "Eeee!"
"A mouse," she cried out, three times in a row; stepping back from the pulpit, and not very slow.
The prayer then continued and all heads were bowed, all eyes on the floor—was the mouse in the crowd?
At the end of the prayer spoke the preacher, "Tom! Bob! In just a few minutes you'll have a new job!"
Now under that pulpit is a trap filled with cheese,
awaiting the church mouse, so remember this, please!
The sermon did teach us - pray often for all,
so pray for the church mouse's sweet little soul!



With apologies to Clement Moore!
Linda Grissom



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June Leadership

JUNE	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	Stu Strong	Greg Vogel	Dan Watt	B.J. Breeding	Nellie Gates
Ushers	G. Vogel H. Culbert D. Coshow H. Moore	B. Naumann J. Naumann C. Ellerbe	E. Wyle B. Wyle C. Sweeley S. Newbill	W.C. Sweeley C. Sweeley D. Foster S. Strong	J. Newbill S. Newbill B. Matthews F. Webster
Nursery	C. Strong	B. Matthews	B.J. Breeding	C. Ellerbe	J. Naumann
Wednesday Host				6/26 B.J. Breeding	
Communion June 2	Preparer: John & Sylvia Newbill	Communion Servers: Ceil Hydrick, Greg Vogel, Stu Strong, B.J. Breeding, Bob Naumann			